



Problem Solvers Caucus

116th Congress Accomplishments

In the 116th Congress, with our ranks of 25 Republican and 25 Democrats, the Caucus includes some of the most productive lawmakers in Congress because we strive to work together, regardless of party or background, to improve the lives of all citizens. Each Member is dedicated to getting to “yes” on important policies to improve the lives of those we were sent to Washington to represent. It is clear that while this is an extensive list of achievements, it is also just the beginning.

Consensus Calendar Wins

*By instituting a new **Consensus Calendar** for any bill with more than 290 cosponsors and the **20/20 Rule** for amendments providing priority to any supported by 20 Members of each party, the Caucus negotiated changes to promote greater bipartisanship and transparency. Each has been utilized frequently this Congress. All the below bills passed the House thanks to the use of the Consensus Calendar, some becoming law.*

H.R. 1, For the People Act (20/20 Rule)
H.R. 95, Homeless Veteran Families Act
H.R. 553, “Widows Tax” Repeal Act (*in NDAA*)
H.R. 647, Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (PCHETA)
H.R. 693, Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act
H.R. 748, “Cadillac Tax” Repeal Act (*Law*)
H.R. 1044, Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act
H.R. 1327, 9/11 Victim’s Compensation Fund Act (*Law*)
H.R. 1980, Smithsonian Women’s History Museum Act
H.R. 2382, USPS Fairness Act
H.R. 4305, Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act
H.R. 5038, Farm Workforce Modernization Act

Endorsements

The Caucus has come together to agree on the below bills, demonstrating that while the climate seems divisive, there is still bipartisanship happening and legislative changes that all of Congress can get behind. Once Caucus endorsed, many of these bills are provided a larger look.

H. Res. 246, Anti-BDS Bill (*passed House*)
H.R. 943, Never Again Education Act (*Law*)
H.R. 1175, Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act
H.R. 1327, the 9/11 Victim’s Compensation Fund Act (*Law*)
H.R. 1379, Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act
H.R. 1766, College Transparency Act
H.R. 1869, Restoring Investment in Improvements Act
H.R. 2117, Food Allergy Safety, Treatment, Education, and Research (FASTER) Act
H.R. 1980, Smithsonian Women’s History Museum Act
H.R. 2382, USPS Fairness Act
H.R. 3497, Jumpstart Our Businesses (JOBS) Act
H.R. 3545, National Opposition to Hate, Assault, and Threats to Equality (NO HATE) Act
H.R. 4305, Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act (*passed House*)
H.R. 4820, Seeding Rural Resilience Act
H.R. 5038, Farm Workforce Modernization Act (*passed House*)
H.R. 6431, Made in America Emergency Preparedness Act
H.R. 6776, JOBS Credit Act
H.R. 7010, Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act (*Law*)

Rules Reform

On January 3, 2019, the House passed changes to the rules of the House of Representatives for the 116th Congress as the result of an unprecedented agreement made between members of the Problem Solvers Caucus, Speaker Pelosi and Rules Committee Chairman McGovern called “Break the Gridlock.”

Infrastructure

The Problem Solvers’ re-released “Rebuilding America’s Infrastructure,” a comprehensive bipartisan proposal that includes recommendations to build better infrastructure for a 21st Century economy.

Drug Pricing

The Caucus released their list of principles for lowering drug prices for people in a bipartisan, bicameral way with Senators Susan Collins, Joe Manchin and Bill Cassidy. These principles include a decisive statement on price and patent transparency, accessibility, and research and development.

Trade

The Caucus demanded both sides unite together enabling swift passage of the bipartisan United States-Mexico-Canada (USMCA) Trade Agreement.

Federal Government Investment

The Caucus insisted on the urgent need to find a bipartisan budget solution to fully fund the federal government through the end of the current fiscal year and avoid another shutdown.

Immigration & Border Security

In June, the Caucus voted as a bloc to deliver aid to children and families at the border that might have otherwise been delayed due to partisan divides in the House and Senate. In a continued dedication to the issue, Members of the Caucus traveled together to tour a border facility and analyze the situation firsthand. Problem Solvers are in ongoing discussions to explore viable solutions building upon the agreements drafted last Congress.

Coronavirus Recovery and Contingency Planning

The Problem Solvers’ released the most comprehensive bipartisan document to come out of Congress in its Reopening and Recovery “Back to Work” Checklist detailing benchmarks that will need to be hit to reopen safely. In addition, the Caucus was forward-looking in encouraging leadership early on to consider remote options for Member participation and voting, drafting a letter and livestreaming a “Virtual Congress” demonstrating that it is viable to continue legislative business during the crisis in a safe, modernized way.